

from Minnesota, is conscientiously doing his duty.

Objections to Mr. McCone have been raised on his record. It is a question whether these are disqualifying. Yet it would be a dereliction of congressional responsibility if such matters were not looked into. As Senator McCARTHY has indicated, the investigation also should go into policies established by Mr. McCone for the CIA--especially whether he believes he has a mandate to use force anywhere in the world, even in violation of U.S. treaty obligations. In insisting on a review of Mr. McCone's qualifications, Senator McCARTHY serves his country well.

Tribute has been paid to the work which Senator McCARTHY has done in an editorial which appeared on January 14 in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. I offer this editorial for the Record as I believe it underlines the importance of this hearing.

I would make one statement, however, regarding a conclusion drawn in the editorial. It states that Mr. McCone should be questioned whether he believes he has a mandate to use force anywhere in the world, even in violation of U.S. treaty obligations. Congress has already entrusted authority to the Director of Central Intelligence to carry out any assignments given him by the National Security Council. He is excluded from taking any steps not authorized by the President of the United States. Yet there remains another reason why Congress should exercise surveillance over the policies and organization of the Agency it established in 1947 and gave such tremendous power.

**The article follows:**

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Extraordinary is the only word for the Powers of the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Conceivably, he has to involve the United States in war. Part of that extreme, the Agency is engaged only in the search for information by any means and any other means it deems suitable. It is possibly also in political intrigue in parts of the world. All this with a clear knowledge of Congress. Even the CIA budget, obviously big, is a guarantee.

Especially since the tragic failure of the Cuban invasion, the risks involved in activities have engendered a need for insurance about the work of the CIA. The Government may be in a perilous position on the Agency's side — the head — at least — should be one of the most serious, objective, and responsible men in Washington.

John A. McGone, former Atomic Energy Commission official, was named as the person who provided KGB agents with information about CIA operations, according to a report by the Soviet newspaper, Pravda.

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